

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel feed unit for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a fuel pump which is driven by an electric motor;

a first housing part and a second housing part; and

a rotor arranged between the first and second housing parts, the rotor of the fuel pump being fastened in a rotationally fixed manner to a shaft of the electric motor;

wherein at least one of the first and second housing parts forms a bearing shell for directly mounting the shaft and forms includes an expansion joint which is configured to expand due to heat generated by the fuel feed unit.

2. (Currently Amended) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second housing parts is produced from plastic, ~~and wherein the plastic forms a bearing shell for directly mounting the shaft~~[[.]]

3. (Previously Presented) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first housing part faces toward the electric motor includes a radial section which extends toward the shaft of the electric motor and includes an axial section which extends away from the rotor in a direction parallel to the shaft.

4. (Previously Presented) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 3, wherein the expansion joint is arranged on the axial section near the rotor and comprises a spacing of the first housing part from the shaft of the electric motor.

5. (Previously Presented) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 3, wherein the expansion joint extends over approximately half of the axial section.

6. (Previously Presented) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 3, wherein the expansion joint on the axial section extends over an entire height of the radial section.

7. (Previously Presented) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 3, wherein the expansion joint is arranged in a corner region at which the axial and radial sections adjoin one another.

8. (Previously Presented) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 3, wherein the expansion joint is arranged on a side of the first housing part facing toward the electric motor which faces away from the rotor.

9. (Previously Presented) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 3, wherein the expansion joint comprises a groove which extends around an entire circumference of the axial section.

10. (Previously Presented) The fuel feed unit as claimed in claim 3, wherein the axial section and the radial section are produced in one piece.